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Definition

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belabour *British and Australian, American and Australian*
belabor

verb [T]

to explain (something) more than necessary, or dated to hit (someone or something) hard and repeatedly

*There's no need to belabour the **point** - you're angry I'm late and you don't need to keep reminding me.***FIGURATIVE** *The protester belaboured the speaker **with** insults.***DATED** *She belaboured (=hit) him with her walking stick.*

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tantamount

adjective [not gradable]

SLIGHTLY FORMAL

tantamount to being almost the same or having the same effect as (usually something bad)

The bank wouldn't lend any more money, which was tantamount to making the business close down.

Her refusal to answer was tantamount to an admission of guilt.

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noun [C]

a description of possible actions or events in the future, or a written plan for a performance such as a play or film, with brief details about the story and characters

*A nuclear attack could be started by mistake, and that could lead to the Third World War - it's a **horrific/nightmare** scenario.*

*In the **worst-case** scenario (=the worst situation we can imagine), the whole town would be under water.*

In the original scenario, he died in the last scene, but in the actual film he survived.

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The **worst case scenario** is the most unpleasant or serious thing which could happen in a situation.

The United Nations has put forward its worst case scenario for the war: about 400 000 people could die through a combination of killings and starvation.

Military planners have told the authorities to prepare for a worst case scenario of 20 planeloads of casualties arriving in the US every day.

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